

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

June 21, 2005

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
FOR A PROJECT IN THE CITY OF AVALON
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT
(FOURTH DISTRICT — 3-VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action does not meet the definition of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as cited herein.
2. Approve an alternative plan for expenditure to allow the Department of Beaches and Harbors to assign the right to apply for Specified Project funds allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to the City of Avalon for its Community Center Project in the amount of \$415,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District), to award a grant to the City of Avalon for the above project and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions, as well as a related item on today's agenda, would allow the transfer of \$415,000 of the \$8,000,000 allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition to the City of Avalon.

Approval of the alternative plan for expenditure will allocate \$415,000 of the funds specified for the Department of Beaches and Harbors to the City of Avalon to build a new community center in the City's Civic Center adjacent to City Hall. The 5,000 square foot facility will house recreation programming, beach activities, senior programming and a daycare program. The total cost for the facility, including the \$415,000 above, is estimated at \$1,000,000. The City's general fund will provide the balance of the funding.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Department of Beaches and Harbors is requesting your Board's approval to assign the right to apply for these funds to the City of Avalon for its Community Center Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by enabling the City of Avalon to provide recreation opportunities to youth and adults.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds for the project, in the amount of \$415,000, are budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition set forth various deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds.

Specified Project funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition. After July 1, 2003, an alternative plan for expenditure may be approved by your Board to amend specific identified projects or to expend these funds on projects that are in accordance with the purposes of the 1996 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

If your Board does not approve the alternative plan for expenditure for the project requested, the Department of Beaches and Harbors may either expend the funds to be assigned to the city for the uses originally specified, request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds. If an agency were to relinquish its claim to funds, the funds would be available to your Board for reallocation for projects in one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition.

County Counsel has reviewed this action as to form

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed alternate plan of expenditure is exempt from CEQA in that the action does not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the action is an administrative activity for a government grant which by its terms does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

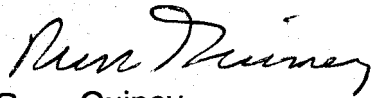
All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA. The City of Avalon is the lead agency for the construction of the Community Center and as such, will prepare any appropriate environmental documents prior to receipt of any grant funds for construction.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel